(ii) Set up an Empowered Procurement Wing (EPW) to provide oversight to the procurement handled by Procurement Agents (PA). Developed procurement Policies and standards for the health sector; and working on state procurement capacity building.

(iii) Introduced measures to improve the competition, transparency and quality through the Governance and Accountability Action Plan (GAAP) agreed for all health projects by the Bank in 2006.

(iv) Prepared a compendium of technical specifications for medical equipment (more than 800) which is uploaded on the Health Ministry's website.

(v) Created the Financial Management Group (FMG) at the Health Ministry, supported finance staff at State and District levels, developed detailed project specific financial management manuals.

(vi) Developed detailed guidelines and operational manuals for procurement of NGOs and Public Private partnerships (PPPs) under HIV/AIDS control programme.

(vii) Developed detailed procurement and financial manuals and trained state personnel.

(viii) Introduced evaluation of NGO performance by Committee having one external evaluator under HIV/AIDS control programme; and terminated contracts of about 25% NGOs which were non-complaint with the guidelines.

(ix) Pre-award validation/certification of WHO GMP made mandatory in all cases.

Further, after receipt of the report, following actions have been taken:

(i) To address the systemic deficiencies pointed out in the World Bank report relating to procurement, implementation and oversight a Joint Action Plan has been finalised after intensive discussions with the World Bank keeping in mind specific interventions and timelines.

(ii) Three new cases pertaining to Chhattisgarh and Karnataka referred to CBI for further investigation. One of these was identified through an analysis of the audit report. In a similar case the Government of Orissa has filed a criminal case and initiated departmental proceedings.

(iii) Government of Orissa has now ordered a full-fledged vigilance inquiry to look into all deficiencies pointed in the World Bank report regarding the State Health System project.

Meningitis in Delhi

868. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of Meningococcal Meningitis reported in the country during the current year, district-wise;

(b) whether Government has launched any campaign to educate the people to prevent this life threatening disease from spreading and provide them with precautionary medicines; and

(c) if so, the amount allocated to each State to beat the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) A state-wise list of number of cases of meningococcal meningitis as reported in the country during the year 2007 is placed at Statement-I. *(See* below*)*. During 2008, from 1st January 2008 to 29th February 2008, a total of 106 cases (88 probable, 18 confirmed cases) and 12 deaths (3 probable and 9 confirmed) due to meningococcal disease were reported. Out of these 42 (35 probable, 7 confirmed) cases and 7 deaths (6 probable 1 confirmed) were reported from out of Delhi. From Delhi, there were 64 cases (53 probable, 11 confirmed) and 5 deaths (3 probable 2 confirmed) due to meningococcemia disease.

(b) and (c) In the wake of reporting of meningococcal disease in Delhi and surrounding areas in National Capital Region (NCR), the Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare convened the meeting of an expert group of 13th February, 2008 to review the situation. The Expert group comprised of National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD), Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR), Medical Superintendent of major hospitals of Delhi, MCD, NDMC and Delhi Government. It was observed that all the major hospitals are fully equipped to manage the cases of this illness, having sufficient stock of medicines and laboratory reagents. All the hospitals have been directed to ensure regular and timely reporting of cases to Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), which has been identified as the nodal agency to coordinate all the activities.

MCD has aleady initiated Information Education and Communication (IEC) measures. Chemoprophylaxis is being given to high-risk personnel such as health care/laboratory worker and close contacts of the cases.

NICD is providing referral diagnostic services. NICD has tested 44 clinical samples received from different hospitals from 1st January to 27th Feb., 2008. Out of 44, 8 (18.2%) samples were found positive for serotype-A meningococos.

To monitor the situation of the disease on day-to-day basis and to know the trend of the disease, the information on the meningococcal disease is being collected regularly from the control room, tablished at MCD office. Epidemiological analysis is being carried out by the NICD and the weekly report is being sent to MCD for taking further necessary action.

NICD also provides technical guidelines to States neighbouring Delhi to prevent and control meningococcal diseases, including training and laboratory support to hospitals. NICD circulates CD Alert on the Meningococcal disease to all the affected States, which includes case definition, clinical profile management of cases, prevention and control measures for outbreaks. The CD alert has been sent to MHO (MCD) for ready reference and circulation to all the reporting units.

Funds are released to states/UTs under Integrated Diease Surveillance Programme (IDSP), which is a decentralized state based surveillance project to detect outbreaks of epidemic prone diseases including meningococcal meningitis. A list of state-wise and year-wise release of funds to States/UTs is placed at Statement-II.

Statement-I

No. of Reported Cases and Deaths Due to Principal Communicable Diseases in India
MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS-2007

Sl. No.	State/U.T	Male		Female		Total		Reference Period up to
		Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	
1.	Andhra Pr.	283	8	462	9	745	17	Dec,07
2.	Arunachal Pr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	
3.	Assam	0	0	0	0	0	0	May,07
4.	Bihar	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5.	Chhattisgarh	27	0	13	0	40	0	Dec.,07
6.	Goa	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dec.,07
7.	Gujarat	41	15	22	10	63	25	Dec.,07
8.	Haryana	0	0	3	0	3	0	Aug.07
9.	Himachal Pr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	Nov.,07
10.	Jammu Div.	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dec. 07
	Kashmir Div.	0	0	0	0	0	0	Nov.07
11.	Jharkhand	22	0	3	0	25	0	Aug.07
12.	Karnataka	282	5	213	2	495	7	Sept.,07
13.	Kerala	11	0	12	2	23	2	Dec.,07
14.	Madhya Pradesh	523	3	385	2	908	5	Dec.,07
15.	Maharashtra	128	8	77	1	205	9	Dec.,07
16.	Manipur	16	0	3	0	19	0	Nov.,07
17.	Meghalaya	2	1	0	0	2	1	July,,07
18.	Mizoram	17	5	13	8	30	13	Nov., 07
19.	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	Sept.,07
20.	Orissa	10	0	3	0	13	0	May.,07
21.	Punjab	31	3	18	4	49	7	Oct.,07
22.	Rajasthan	24	0	15	0	39	0	July.,07
23.	Sikkim	3	1	0	0	3	1	Dec.,07
24.	Tamil nadu	-	-	-	-	5	0	Sept.,07
25.	Tripura	10	1	5	0	15	1	Dec.,07
26.	Uttarakhand	31	2	34	3	65	5	Dec.,07
27.	Uttar Pradesh	50	5	58	3	108	8	Dec.,07
28.	West Bengal	585	80	374	31	959	111	Sept.,07
29.	A & N Islands	8	0	4	2	12	2	Sept.,07
30.	Chandigarh	-	-	-	-	2	1	June.,07
31.	D&N Haveli	26	0	21	0	47	0	Dec.,07
32.	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0	Nov.,07
33.	Delhi	110	11	24	5	134	16	Aug.07
34.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	Sept.,07
35.	Puducherry	120	3	51	1	171	4	Dec.,07
	TOTAL:	2360	151	1813	83	4180	235	

Data is provisional and not comparable due to ill defined coverage

..-Not Reported

NR-NOT RECEIVED

The sum of male and female may not tally with the total figure as some States/Uts. have not reported genderwise information separately.

SOURCE: MONTHLY HEALTH CONDITION REPORTS FROM DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES OF STATES/UTs.

Statement-II

State-wise and year-wise Release of Funds

As on 27.02.2008 (*Rupees in Lakhs*)

Sl. No.	State/UT	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Total
	Phase-I						
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0.60	286.64	105.00	70.00	95.00	557.24
2.	Himachal Pradesh	0.32	119.02	55.00	—	14.48	188.82
3.	Karnataka	0.70	311.42	110.00	—	100.00	522.12
4.	Madhya Pradesh	1.20	397.90	150.00	—	200.00	749.10
5.	Maharashtra	0.92	424.97	145.00	—	10.00	580.89
6.	Uttaranchal	0.34	99.71	50.00	127.00	25.00	302.05
7.	Tamil Nadu	0.76	409.81	130.00	—	—	540.57
8.	Kerala	0.37	156.40	65.00	60.00	200.00	481.77
9.	Mizoram	0.21	111.00	77.94	17.00	42.93	249.08
	Total of Phase-I	5.42	2,316.87	887.94	274.00	687.41	4,171.64
	Phase-II						
10.	Chhattisgarh			246.60		170.00	416.60
11.	Goa		4.60	32.50	33.30	21.11	91.51
12.	Gujarat		27.60	387.30			414.90
13.	Haryana		23.00	194.80			217.80
14.	Orissa		18.20	351.40			369.60
15.	Rajasthan			482.20		25.00	507.20
16.	West Bengal			241.70			241.70
17.	Chandigarh			24.30		15.00	39.30
18.	Pondicherry			44.30		10.00	54.30
19.	Delhi					104.90	104.90
20	Manipur			94.20			94.20
21.	Meghalaya			81.70			81.70
22.	Tripura			65.10			65.10
23.	Nagaland			83.40	89.00		172.40
	Total of Phase-II		73.40	2,329.50	122.30	346.01	2,871.21
	Phase-III						
24	Uttar Pradesh			23.00			23.00
25.	Bihar					125.00	125.00
26.	Jammu & Kashmir			13.80		61.20	75.00
27.	Jharkhand					100.00	100.00
28.	Punjab				164.00		164.00
29.	Andaman & Nikobar					28.00	28.00
30.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli				14.00		14.00
31.	Daman & Diu				26.00		26.00
32.	Lakshadweep					15.00	15.00
33.	Arunachal Pradesh				95.00	70.00	165.00
34.	Assam				119.00		119.00
35.	Sikkim			12.80	30.00	20.00	62.80
	Total of Phase III			49.60	448.00	295.20	586.80
	Total of all States	5.42	2398.27	3267.14	844.30	245.02	586.80